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Announcement.

Treasurer.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of County Treasurer and Ex-officio Collector, subject to the decision of the democratic convention or primaries.

J. D. WALKER.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of county treasurer and ex-officio collector of Eddy county, subject to the action of the democratic party.

H. B. ARMSTRONG.

Clerk.

We are authorized to announce W. B. Owen as a candidate for re-election to the office of probate clerk of Eddy county, subject to the will of the democracy expressed in convention or primary election.

Sheriff.

We are authorized to announce M. C. Stewart as a candidate for re-election to the office of sheriff of Eddy county, subject to the will of the democracy expressed in convention or primary election.

County Commissioner.

At the request of a number of friends and neighbors I have consented to become a candidate for re-election to the office of county commissioner for the 1st district, subject to the will of the democracy of Eddy county.

N. CUNNINGHAM.

Superintendent.

We are authorized to announce T. J. Welch as a candidate for superintendent of schools, subject to the decision of the democratic party.

We are authorized to announce William C. Reiff as a candidate for the office of county superintendent of schools.

Probate Judge.

Mr. ARTHUR OWEN will be a candidate for re-election to the office of probate judge, subject to the decision of the democracy of Eddy county.

Democratic Principles.

Frank Statement of the Stand Taken by the Democrats of New Mexico.

To the voters of New Mexico:
The Territorial democratic committee of the territory of New Mexico, disclaiming any intention to encroach in any manner upon the functions of the representatives of the democratic party when assembled in convention to nominate a candidate for delegate to congress and to declare the principles of the party in accordance with time honored usages deemed it advisable at this time to declare the purpose of the democratic organization within this territory to endeavor by all honorable means to secure the accomplishment of the following results:

First—We desire to unite in one harmonious organization all voters of the territory of New Mexico who advocate the free and unlimited exchange of silver and gold at the ratio of 16 to 1.

Second—We desire also to unite in the same organization all voters who favor legislation so framed as to maintain democratic principles of taxation and at the same time give to our wool growing interests such measure of proper tariff on foreign wool. We assert our belief that foreign wool is a proper subject of tariff taxation, and we so interpret the following language of the Chicago platform: "We hold that tariff duties should be levied for the purpose of revenue, such duties to be so adjusted as to operate equally throughout the country and not discriminate between class or section and that taxation should be limited to the needs of the government, honestly and economically administered."

We declare that the present tariff law known as the Dingley law, discriminates unjustly against the wool growers of New Mexico in that it provides a tariff tax of 12 cents per pound on foreign wools which compete with the wools grown in the eastern states, notably the state of Ohio, while the tariff on foreign wools competing with wools grown in New Mexico is but 4 cents a pound.

Third—We desire also to unite in the same organization all voters of this territory who favor legislation on by congress abolishing the doctrine of nonliability of employers for injuries to employees occasioned by negligence of fellow servants engaged in the same common employment, and we assert our belief that it is hopeless to expect to secure such legislation from the territorial legislature so long as we have a republican governor.

We assert that such legislation is demanded by every consideration of humanity and justice.

Democratic Convention Call.

Pursuant to an order of the democratic executive committee of the county of Eddy made at a meeting held in the town and county of Eddy on the 11th day of June 1898, I hereby call a county convention of the democrats of said county to convene in Eddy on the last Saturday being the 30th day of July 1898.

The convention will assemble for the purpose of electing delegates to the council and representative convention to be hereafter called and for the purpose at that time and place of nominating candidates for county offices unless the said convention should then decide to nominate by primary election, in which event the convention will then set the day for the holding of such primaries and for the transaction of such other business as may come before the convention.

Each voting precinct will be entitled to one vote in said convention for every ten votes and all fractions over five, cast for the Hon. H. B. Ferguson at the last general election and according to that basis, the plains precinct will be entitled to 3 votes—Malaga 3 votes—Eddy 28 votes—Seven Rivers 4 votes and Hope 5 votes.

The democratic chairman of the various precincts are hereby requested to call and hold meetings in their respective precincts and choose delegates to attend said convention and according to a resolution passed by the executive committee at its said meeting it is suggested that said chairman hold their precinct conventions on the 4th Saturday being the 23rd day of July at a suitable hour and place designated

by them respectively in a call for that purpose.

S. T. BITTING, Chm.

The native of New Mexico, the so-called Mexican, is far above the Indian in point of intelligence and respectability, but the young among the Mexicans are allowed to grow up without especial attention in the way of education. Though the territory has a compulsory school law it is a dead letter for as a rule, the school authorities are unable or unwilling to enforce the law. The general government is spending millions on the Indian and it is said that the schools on the reservations are attended by nearly every Indian child. If our present school system is inadequate to meet the requirements to educate the Mexicans then some system should be invented whereby there could be no escape from at least three or four years schooling for each child in the territory. The hope of the future is in the education of the young. Give all a fair common school course and then by reading and investigation as time advances the people will learn for themselves and be more capable of self government.

Our Cuban Allies.

St. Louis Republic.
While the fighting around Santiago fiercest the Cubans, instead of taking part in the battle, were eating Uncle Sam's rations, of which according to all accounts, there was not enough for the Americans.

When Shafter's troops, unable to endure the burden of woolen blankets and blouses on their first day's march in Cuba, threw them away, the Cubans seized the discarded equipment for themselves making no effort to warn their unacquainted allies that the woolens are needed at night.

It is not of record that the Cubans who were supposed to be intercepting Pando's reinforcements did anything, and the general impression among the war correspondents is that they were looking for more food and raiment rather than for Pando.

Captain Hunter of the Third and Captain Craig of the Sixth American Cavalry, who were both wounded in the fight at San Juan heights, unite in saying that the Cubans were worse than useless hampering the movements of our troops instead of charging the enemy.

It is reported that General Garcia's men are believed to have done some fighting, but none seems to have witnessed such activity.

Let us suspend judgement on our Cuban allies until they have been clad and fed to their hearts' content. By that time Cuba may be free, the war over and the insurgents equal to a grand final of peace and profit. Let us not forget that the Cuban patriot as we have found him has his counterpart here at home; both hope to realize on the results which our fighters at the front will bring about.

Unless Page B. Otero brother of Governor Otero is a fearful liar there is a priest in Santa Cruz who should be silenced by his superiors. Page Otero is quoted by the correspondent of the Albuquerque Citizen as authority for the statement that the priest at Santa Cruz had urged the Mexicans not to volunteer and had displayed a Spanish flag. Though the priest and his Mexican people deny the story it is said to be true. However it is hardly possible a priest could have any influence among the Mexicans, who as a rule are only Catholics in name.

Of the hundreds in and around the Pecos Valley, there are few who would heed the advice of a priest whether he advocates the cause of the United States or Spain either, so the chances are that the priest at Santa Cruz has had nothing whatever to do with the Mexicans not enlisting.

There is more real contempt for the advice and council of priest among the Mexicans than among the American people who are not Catholics, for a large per cent of our American people respect a good man wherever found and we have yet to hear of a bad man among the priests of New Mexico. If a corrupt one can be pointed out it would be a kindness to his church for some Catholic hating newspaper to make the charges against him and make them specific so the matter can be properly investigated before an ecclesiastical court. Had the priest at Santa Cruz displayed a Spanish flag as stated by the Albuquerque Citizen he would no doubt have been properly punished as he should be, whether priest or layman.

Damnable Doctrine.

Albuquerque Democrat.
An obscure little sheet published in New Mexico has adopted the following motto:
"Our Country: May she always be right; But, right or wrong—Our Country."
The advocacy of the paper in question, of such iniquitous principles of course amounts to nothing, but unfortunately not a few people of the country are inclined to take the same view.
Right is the supremest of all powers. It is above country, above friendship, above love. Many a nation is today

buried in oblivion because its people put country before right. This nation owes its existence to the reverse motto. Its millions will never land their fellow men for unrighteous conduct. They will never submit to loss of liberty, to injustice of rulers, to oppression of government and to all the thousand evils that obedience to such a fallacious motto as the one in question might engender.

Our people are our country, and unless they declare for the right in all national life our greatness will wane like the brightness of the sun before the powers of darkness.

Mr. W. C. Reiff who has announced for superintendent is one of the best posted men in an educational way to be found in the county, as the numerous testimonials to his ability testify. Mr. Reiff came here the fall of 1892 for health and has invested his all among the people because his health is better here than elsewhere. He now resides on a farm with his family about a mile from town having a fine well and windmill, the whole place fenced, a fine farm house, reservoir and many other improvements. Mr. Reiff asks the suffrage of the people on the grounds of competency to fill the office properly. Below are a few of many testimonials to his worth as an educator:

FIRST PA., STATE NORMAL SCHOOL.
E. ORAM LYTE, Principal.
Millersville, Pa., Sept. 23, 1896.
Mr. William C. Reiff,

Eddy, Eddy County, N. M.
Dear Sir and Comrade—I am pleased to learn through the Eddy paper that you are a candidate for the office of County Superintendent of the county in which you reside. Your long course of training here in the scholastic department and in our practical school, together with your experience as a business man, has fitted you in a marked degree for the position for which you have announced yourself. During the many years you were a student in this institution, while you were pursuing the higher branches as well as when you were studying the more elementary branches of our course, you sustained an excellent reputation in all respects; and I speak from personal knowledge when I say that you had the full confidence and high esteem of all members of the faculty. I trust that both for your own sake and for the sake of the schools of your county, you will be selected to fill the honorable position for which you are an aspirant.

Very truly yours,

E. ORAM LYTE.

MILLERSVILLE NORMAL SCHOOL,
DEPARTMENT OF MATHEMATICS.
Millersville, Pa., Sept. 28th, 1896.

It gives me pleasure to bear testimony to the social, moral and intellectual qualifications of Prof. W. C. Reiff for the office of County Superintendent of Schools. His long and careful course of training in the Pennsylvania State Normal, at this place, and his high moral character make him a very desirable man for the office of superintendent.

If all our schools were filled with men of his fitness I would greatly rejoice.

GEO. W. HULL.

Secretary of the Faculty and Prof of Mathematics.

EDWARD BROOKS, LL. D.,
Supt. Public Schools, Philadelphia, Pa.
LANCASTER CARPET HOUSE,
SHAUB & VONDERSMITH,
Lancaster, Pa., Sept. 15, 1896.

It affords me great pleasure to testify to the worth and ability of Mr. Wm. C. Reiff. His scholarship is set forth in his diploma, but his earnestness, fidelity and trustworthiness are known only to those who have been associated with him as I have been. I have known him as a student, a teacher, a citizen, and in all these relations he stands high, and deservedly so.

I cordially commend him to the favorable consideration of any one to whom this paper may come, as I am

confident that he will do well what ever he may agree to perform.

B. F. SHAUB, A. M., Ph. D.
Late County Superintendent of Schools, Lancaster county, Pa., and Principal State Normal School of Pennsylvania.

BOARD OF PUBLIC EDUCATION
SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE
Philadelphia, Pa., Oct. 5th, 1896.
TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

It gives me great pleasure to certify to the scholastic and professional qualifications of Mr. Wm. C. Reiff for the position of county superintendent. He was educated at one of the best State Normal Schools of Pennsylvania and taught with great acceptability in the public schools of the state. He is a gentleman of intelligence and high Christian character and is worthy of the confidence of the educational public. If elected I am sure that he would discharge the duties of county superintendent with great skill and fidelity.

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